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Update to Police Involved Shooting

On March 5, 2021 the Columbus Division of Police and the Franklin County Sheriff's Office attempted to arrest Andrew Teague, date of birth September 18, 1977, for a felonious assault warrant related to a February 2, 2021 incident. Mr. Teague initially fled in a vehicle from Columbus Police. The initial pursuit was discontinued at the direction of Columbus Police supervisors. A short time later, Franklin County Sheriff's deputies observed Mr. Teague's vehicle stopping on the shoulder of I-270 northbound. Mr. Teague fled from Franklin County Sheriff's deputies by driving the wrong way on the interstate. The Sheriff's Office supervision discontinued the pursuit, but soon after, Mr. Teague's vehicle struck two oncoming vehicles. Mr. Teague exited his vehicle, and was confronted by Columbus Police and Sheriff's Office personnel. A Columbus Police officer and Sheriff's deputy discharged their firearms.

The Columbus Police officer is identified as Officer John Kifer, a 31-year veteran assigned to the 2nd shift Canine Unit. The Franklin County Sheriff's deputy is identified as Deputy Michael Severance, a 48-year veteran assigned to the 2nd shift Patrol Bureau as a Canine Handler. A firearm was recovered from the scene.

The investigation is being conducted by the Ohio Bureau of Criminal Investigation and is ongoing.

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